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Networks, Security, and ICT Industry News



Clinton ran homebrew computer system for official emails

Associated Press March 4, 2015

The computer server that transmitted and received Hillary Clinton's emails -- on a private account she used exclusively for official business when she was secretary of state -- traced back to an Internet service registered to her family's home in Chappaqua, New York, according to Internet records reviewed by The Associated Press. Related: [Hillary's emails 'not technically illegal'](#), The Hill

FREAK Out: Yet Another New SSL/TLS Bug Found

Dark Reading (Blog) March 3, 2015

Old-school, export-grade crypto standard used until the 1990s can be triggered to downgrade security of client, servers, researchers find.

Cybersecurity company Novetta Solutions up for sale: sources

Reuters March 3, 2015

Novetta Solutions LLC, a provider of software and IT services to the U.S. intelligence community, is exploring a sale which could value it at more than \$650 million, including debt, according to people familiar with the matter.

FCC a 'referee,' not a regulator, of the Internet, Wheeler says

Computerworld March 3, 2015

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler on Tuesday defended the commission's recent vote in support of net neutrality, saying it isn't regulation as some critics contend it is, but instead sets up the Federal Communication Commission as a kind of referee.

Regulator accused of overstepping on cybersecurity enforcement

The Hill March 3, 2015

The Federal Trade Commission has overstepped its authority by punishing companies for weak cybersecurity, lawyers for Wyndham Worldwide argued Tuesday in a high-stakes legal case that will help define the role of the federal government in protecting the security of consumer data online.

DARPA wants new tech for protecting privacy

Defense Systems March 3, 2015

Saying that, "[p]rivacy is critical to a free society," the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has announced a proposer's day for a forthcoming program designed to find ways of protecting the privacy and proprietary information of people and enterprises.

Economy, Competitiveness and Environment



New patent bill gets cold shoulder

The Hill March 3, 2015

Advocates for large-scale patent reform are dismissing a pared-down proposal introduced by a trio of Senate Democrats on

the Judiciary Committee.

5G Roadmap, Bumps And All, Detailed At MWC

[InformationWeek](#) [March 3, 2015](#)

Government institutions and companies are all working to make 5G technologies a reality -- but at Mobile World Congress, no one really has a good definition of what 5G is.

Splunk Leads Tiny Big Data Market

[InformationWeek](#) [March 3, 2015](#)

Splunk marks another big year, taking in more revenue than the top three Hadoop distributors combined -- which is why startups want to follow in its footsteps.

First U.S. offshore wind farm moves ahead with \$290M in financing

[Computerworld](#) [March 3, 2015](#)

What is likely to become the nation's first offshore wind farm, Block Island Wind Farm in Rhode Island Sound, has closed on more than \$290 million in financing, which will allow a five-turbine demo of the renewable energy system to be completed.

China says tech firms have nothing to fear from anti-terror law

[Reuters](#) [March 4, 2015](#)

China's proposed anti-terrorism law will not affect the legitimate interests of technology firms, a top Chinese spokeswoman said Wednesday after U.S. President Barack Obama warned of its impact and demanded amendments.

OpGen files to raise up to \$37 million in IPO

[Washington Business Journal](#) [March 3, 2015](#)

Gaithersburg-based molecular diagnostics company OpGen Inc. filed Tuesday to go public in hopes of raising as much as \$37.4 million.



Government and Technology



OFPP set for new IT acquisition initiatives

FCW March 3, 2015

Three months ago the Office of Management and Budget issued a memo to federal agencies expanding category management practices and digital acquisition strategies, and championing more effective vendor engagement on large-scale IT projects. Now it's looking to go even further.

Rollout of New CIO Powers Could be 'Uneven,' DOJ CIO Says

Nextgov March 3, 2015

Months after it was signed into law, federal agencies are still waiting for guidance on how to implement the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act.

ICITE faces 'cultural resistance'

FCW March 3, 2015

Bureaucratic resistance is slowing the intelligence community's adoption of a common IT architecture, according to former acting Defense Intelligence Agency Director David Shedd.

Arrow Electronics acquires immixGroup

Federal News Radio March 3, 2015

Arrow Electronics, Inc. inked a deal on Monday to acquire immixGroup, Inc., a value-added reseller (VAR) of IT solutions to help companies do business with the federal government.

GSA proposes to change acquisition regulation vendors loathe

Federal News Radio March 4, 2015

The General Services Administration once again is trying to change one of the acquisition rules that industry despises the most — the Price Reduction Clause.

Orbital ATK's Thompson on Antares upgrade: 'A year from now, will be the first launch'

Washington Business Journal March 3, 2015

Dulles-based Orbital ATK will kick off testing of its new rocket engines in the coming weeks, supporting plans for a first launch of its upgraded Antares launch system to the International Space Station a year from now, CEO David Thompson said.

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